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¶1. (U) THE UAE'S CABINET OF MINISTERS ON JUNE 28 APPROVED A MEMO
SUBMITTED BY THE MINISTER OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS CALLING FOR
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LABOR UNIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS IN THE UAE.
THE GOVERNMENT'S NEXT STEP WILL BE TO FORM A MINISTERIAL
COMMITTEE TO DRAFT A FEDERAL LAW CREATING UNIONS. THAT COMMITTEE
WILL HAVE SIX MONTHS TO SUBMIT THE DRAFT LAW TO THE CABINET FOR
APPROVAL. UNLIKE THE CURRENT LABOR LAW, WHICH ONLY COVERS
PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYEES, THE NEW, DISTINCT FEDERAL LAW COVERING
UNIONS WILL INCLUDE EMPLOYEES FROM BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE

SECTORS. THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT DIVULGED INFORMATION ABOUT THE EXACT ROLE UNIONS WILL PLAY AND MEMBERSHIP CONDITIONS.

¶2. (SBU) THE UAE CONTINUES TO COMMIT ITSELF TO BRINGING LOCAL LABOR LAWS AND REGULATIONS INTO COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS. APPROVING THE CREATION OF LABOR UNIONS IS A MAJOR STEP FORWARD BECAUSE IT WILL OFFICIALLY ENSURE LABORERS' RIGHTS TO ORGANIZE AND BARGAIN COLLECTIVELY. POST WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR PROGRESS ON THE NEW FEDERAL LAW.

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